

## **Etch-a-Sketch Summarizing**

This is a tool used to present information and enhance student memory. Students draw symbols, icons, or pictures to represent ideas being presented in a lecture or other form of presentation.

### **Teacher Preparation:**

1. Select a passage for students to read or prepare a presentation.
2. Make copies of the 2 organizers (3-10-2 and 3-10-3) for each student.

### **Lesson Plan:**

1. Review the concept of stick figures, icons, and simple sketches and present examples.
2. Present an overview of the passage or presentation.
3. Distribute the handouts.
4. Assign the passage or make the presentation.
5. As they read or as you present, have students draw pictures or icons to represent their understanding of the ideas.
6. Students meet with a partner to examine their pictures. Each student tries to guess what the symbols represent.
7. After the students review their pictures, have them record what they believe to be the big ideas and important details.
8. Lead a discussion of the ideas presented.
9. Have students synthesize their ideas in writing, visual format, or a combination of both.

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	Sketch	Big Ideas / Important Details
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>		

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### Summary

### Reflection

What made this task hard?

What made it easy?

What will I do next time to make this easier?

Additional reflections . . .